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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Accompanying this amendment is a three month extension of time, extending  
the time for response up to and including February 6, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application before examination as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method for preparing a stable, retroviral packaging cell  
line for generation of human serum-resistant retroviral particles (RVP) which comprises  
(a) introducing one or more packaging vectors into a non-primate mammalian cell  
line, wherein said cell line exhibits [substantially] no specific hybridization to a Moloney-  
MLV retrovirus [*gag*, *pol*, and/] *gag-pol* or *env* probe [under stringent washing conditions]  
and is capable of producing human-serum-resistant RVP, and wherein said vectors, either